

# KICKING VALLEY COURIER.

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## A Card.

### Ren. F. Nickell Announces For County Court Clerk.



#### To The Democrats of Morgan County:

As many of the boys are placing their announcements formally, for different county offices, I adopt this plan of making public my intentions of making the race for re-election to the office of County Court Clerk of Morgan county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary, August 1917. There is no other office in the county so confining and particular in its routine of business, and take it from me, one earns all he gets out of it. It is one of these offices, the importance and particularity of the business of which, requires painstaking and carefulness. What I mean is, that the more experience one has had in this office the better he can serve the people, and good service is what they expect and must have.

I have learned every duty in detail, and it has taken me a good portion of the time of my present incumbency to do this, and I am therefore, better equipped to render more valuable services to the people. The County Court Clerk is the custodian of the records which contain the titles to

the homes of the people, and they can not be watched and safeguarded so closely. I have learned how to do this, and will take great pleasure in doing all I can to protect the interests of the public insofar as they may be connected with this office. My record of three years as a public and faithful servant of the people in this capacity, is an open book, and I invite the closest scrutiny and criticism touching what I have done and the performance of my varied duties. I know this office is one in the gift of the people—to them it belongs—and it is to them that I come asking their endorsement of past and present services. I take it that I may have some very honorable men to oppose me in this contest, but it shall be friendly and upon a high and manly basis, at least so far as I am concerned. Not in anywise forgetful of the splendid and gallant support of the people in the past, I sincerely ask and solicit their undivided support in this coming contest. I know I shall be glad to serve them again, and hope they will all be pleased.

Yours truly,  
REN. F. NICKELL.

#### Double Wedding.

Mr. Boyd Anderson and Miss Lillian Dennis, Mr. Revis Carr and Miss Flora Davis, were married at the home of Rev. Harlan Murphy at Pekin, on Dec. 21st, 1916. They were accompanied by Ida Anderson and Bertha Murphy, bridesmaids, and Bill Nickell and Glen Carr, best men.

The former groom is an enterprising young farmer, and the latter is one of the firm of the Carr Telephone Co. The former bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Dennis, and the latter is one among the noted teachers of the public schools of Morgan county. The writer extends heartiest congratulations for a long and prosperous life. LEXIE LOUISE CARR.

#### Supervisors Meet.

The Board of Supervisors of Morgan county, composed of the following gentlemen, is in session this week: Dr. Sammy Davis, Forest, E. M. Pelfrey, Dingus, J. R. Cox, Yocum, S. D. Goodwin, Ezel, and Oliver Haney, Stacy Fork.

### H. C. Rose Announces For County Attorney.

Feeling that the time has now come for an announcement, through the press, of my candidacy for County Attorney of Morgan county, which I have contemplated for three years, or more, I desire at this time to set forth a few of my reasons for asking the Democrats to give me this nomination next August.

I believe that I have some claim upon the Democratic party, based, both upon the efforts I have made in behalf of its nominees every year since I have been old enough to comprehend and appreciate the principals of freedom and good government, for which it stands; and also because of the fact that all my people on both sides of the house have loyally supported the part and have been faithful democrats for generations back.

I have lived in Morgan county all my life and have striven hard to be a man and a lawyer worthy of the people's confidence.

I have no word of censure and have no ill feeling whatever toward those who saw fit to oppose my nomination for this office four years ago. I was at that time rather a young man and had only practiced law a few years. Since then I have devoted my time and what talents I possess practically entirely to the study and the practice of law. With these added qualifications I feel justified in calling upon those who opposed me then to support me now.

To the men who so loyally supported me in that boyhood ambition of mine, I shall ever be a devoted friend whatever the future may hold for me.

I desire to say to the people that if nominated and elected to the important position of County Attorney that in the performance of the duties of that office the taxpayers of the county shall have the full benefit of what experience and ability I have gained or possess, and all the energy and faithful devotion to duty and painstaking care that it is possible for a man to extend in looking after the affairs of the county. As a public official, I shall not only favor a strict and rigid enforcement of the law but from my experience I know how this can be done.

It is perhaps only fair to say that while I have had an ambition for years to be elected your County Attorney, I am not entering this race solely on my own motion but have been urged to do so by a very great many of the citizens of various portions of the county, they evidently feeling that if I only lacked nine votes of being nominated four years ago, I can count with certainty on winning this time, and knowing that if despite all probabilities, I should be defeated, I will still be a Democrat and earnestly support the nominee.

I desire to say further that in obtaining this nomination I am relying upon the free and untampered support of the plain citizenship throughout all portions of the county.

It is my purpose as near as it may be possible to see and talk personally to every voter in Morgan county between now and the 4th day of August. If someone should escape me it shall not be my fault and I hope he will consider this announcement a request to vote for me.

My claim for support and my methods of campaign and the character of my supporters are and will be such, that if nominated and elected I will be under no special obligations to any particular set of men other than to make as good official as is possible for the whole people.

With consciousness of my purpose to fight a fair fight on Democratic principals, if any man should oppose me for this nomination, and with the higher purpose of faithfully serving the taxpayers of Morgan county, if nominated and elected, in such a way

as to reflect credit upon my people and myself, I now enter this campaign and will abide the result with confidence.

H. C. ROSE.

### Henry Thomas Dyer for Jailor.

Under the proper heading in this issue will be found the announcement of H. T. Dyer, of West Liberty, as a candidate for Jailor of Morgan county, subject to the will of the Democratic voters to be expressed at the August primary, 1917.

Mr. Dyer is a Morgan county boy with whom a majority of our people are well acquainted. He has been a resident of West Liberty for about twelve years, working regularly at the barber's trade, and it can be truthfully said of him that this town has no more honest, industrious, law-abiding citizen. He spends two-thirds of his time attending to his own affairs and the remaining two-sixths letting other people's business alone. He was a candidate for this office four years ago but withdrew in the interest of party harmony, there being a number of other candidates in the field and it appearing that strife, and a possible division of party, would result if they all made the race, he sacrificed his own political ambitions for the time being for the good of the party, thus exemplifying the principles of Democracy.

Mr. Dyer has never been known to falter or quail when the interests of his party or its nominees were at stake. If he failed to get his choice in the primary he acted the part of the good Democrat and worked for the other fellows' choice.

Mr. Dyer did not have the early advantages that a great many of his age have had. He had his own "raw to hoe," but by persistence and industry he has equipped himself until he is well qualified to discharge the duties of the office he seeks, and should he be nominated and elected the people will have no cause to regret their choice.

The Courier bespeaks for him and his claims mature consideration.

### R. B. Cassity for Jailor.

R. B. Cassity, better known as "Rube" Cassity, announces his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Jailor of Morgan county in this issue of the Courier.

Mr. Cassity is a native of this county, having been born and reared in the hills of old Morgan. As a farmer first and then as a carpenter he has made his way from boyhood up to advanced manhood and every dollar that he has spent in life has been earned by honest toil and in the hardest of labor's occupations, and now in the sunset of life he asks his friends and neighbors to help him to a position where he can enjoy a part of the honors he has helped others to gain.

Mr. Cassity is a Democrat and his life has been given to the party service year after year and that, too, with no reward save the answer of a good conscience.

So long back has been his service to his party that he was in full battle panoply and in the party's vanguard when his opponents were chasing tadpoles along the streams in childhood care-free days. His party service has been constant and regular and this is his first time to ask for an office at the hands of the people.

It would be useless to write a eulogy upon the character of R. B. Cassity. The whole matter is summed up in the universal comment of his neighbors: "Rube Cassity is as straight as a string." If nominated and elected he will give to the discharge of the duties of the office of Jailor the same conscientious attention that has characterized his whole life work.

The Courier bespeaks for his candidacy the careful consideration of the Democratic voters of Morgan county.

### G. C. Taulbee for Representative.

Our readers will notice that this issue of the Courier carries the announcement of the Hon. G. C. Taulbee as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Representative of this the Ninety-First Legislative District. We regard it as a favorable comment on the sign of the times when men of Mr. Taulbee's attainments ask for positions of this kind. George Taulbee needs no introduction at our hands to the people of Morgan and Wolfe counties, as his distinguished lineage is well known to us all, but it is perhaps but fair to call your attention to the fact that he has been honored and his merits recognized in the other communities in which he has lived.

In a very short time he arose from a private of the U. S. Army to the rank of Captain in the Native Army of the Philippines, and upon his resigning from that service he was appointed to a very responsible position under the Hon. Jo. C. S. Blackburn, Governor of the Panama Canal Zone. Before leaving the tropical countries Mr. Taulbee traveled extensively in South America and was one of those who brought about the construction of the Railroad of the Brazilian Government around the falls of the Madeira river into the rubber fields of Bolivia. From these and other experiences it is very apparent that Mr. Taulbee is splendidly qualified to be of service to this district in legislative and other governmental capacities.

He is a soldier of distinction, a scholar of very considerable attainments, an accountant of unusual ability, a lawyer of brilliant parts, a man of character and a prince of good fellows.

In keeping with his announcement we might say that his devotion to the cause of prohibition, as evidenced by his record, is sufficient for us to bespeak at the hands of democracy of this district a fair consideration of the claims of his candidacy.

Mr. Taulbee has at every opportunity stood by the nominees of his party, making a personal fight for them in county or district whenever needed. He is an orator of ability and his speeches are always felt in political fights.

### Will Not Be A Candidate.

Index Ky. Jan. 1, 1917. In answer to the many letters I have been receiving from different parts of the county. I will say I will not be a candidate for County Court Clerk this time.

Thanking my many friends for their interest they have taken in me, I believe in rotation in office, and sober well qualified men, and for that reason I will support Lee Barker.

Yours very truly,  
S. S. OLDFIELD.

### Held to Circuit Court.

Gardner Elam, 16, who killed Cephus Hollon, 14, at Cannel City Christmas day, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Day Monday, and held over to the Circuit Court in a bond of \$1000 which, failing to give he was lodged in jail.

A writ of habeas corpus was applied for Wednesday but was denied by Judge Day.

### Attention Knights!

West Liberty Lodge No. 119, K. of P. will hold a public installation of officers at its Castle Hall on Friday afternoon Jan. 12, 1916, to which the public is cordially invited.

At 8 o'clock p. m. a banquet will be given by the lodge to which all Knights of this and other lodges are invited. Each Knight attending the banquet will be entitled to bring one guest.

Best Gevedon, of Panam, Jerre Byrd, of Sellers, and W. P. Taulbee, of Nickell, were visiting in the city this week.

### OLD TREE STILL PRODUCTIVE

Planted by Governor Endicott Nearly Three Centuries Ago, It Bears Yearly Crop of Fine Fruit.

Thought to be the oldest fruit tree in this country, the pear tree planted 280 years ago by Governor Endicott of Massachusetts is still thriving well and bearing a yearly crop of fruit of the first quality. John Endicott purchased a large tract of land at Danversport, then known as the southern section of Salem village. The estate afterward became known as the Endicott plantation. Governor Endicott, being a great lover of sugar pears, sent to a relative in Dorchester, England, for a pear tree. After several months the tree arrived, and at that time few people ever believed that the tree would live, as the roots had become very dry. The governor, believing that he, better than anyone else, was the proper man to plant the tree, journeyed to the plantation and there, in a sheltered spot close to the Danvers river, dug a hole and carefully planted it. For many years he cared for it himself, and it was not long before it became the most famous of all fruit trees of Massachusetts. This year it is estimated that there were close to 3,000 pears on the tree. Few people who visited Danvers missed the opportunity of seeing this wonderful tree, which was carefully guarded by a picket fence. The tree is made up of three distinct trunks, which are partially decayed, although the upper section of the tree is quite healthy in appearance. Endicott himself used to relate that the tree supplied a sufficient number of pears to supply the entire Salem village, which in those days numbered less than one hundred inhabitants. When Governor Endicott died in the year 1685 special mention was made in his will in regard to the famous tree, which was left in care of his daughter.

### GOES FAR BACK IN HISTORY

Nippur Tablet, Recently Discovered and Translated, Has Brought Joy to Archeologists.

A Sumerian epic that tells the story of the reconstruction of civilization after the deluge has been discovered on one of the famous Nippur tablets in the University of Pennsylvania museum. Announcement of the discovery and the completion of the translation of the epic has just been made by Dr. Stephen H. Langdon, Sum-

erian scholar and assistant curator of the museum. The epic, according to Dr. Langdon, takes up the history of civilization after Paradise, the fall of man and the flood, and is a sequel to the Sumerian epic which he translated a year ago. The fragment which contains the latest history is four and one-half inches long and one inch thick. It contains about 300 lines of inscriptions. It dates from about 2250 B. C. and hence represents a literature older than that of the Babylonians and the Chaldeans. "The boat or ark is mentioned," Dr. Langdon announces, "as well as Lamech, the god of the deluge. It describes the regeneration of the ancient land of Sumeria at the hands of the god of wisdom, who decreed that it should be the center of civilization."

### Not At All Likely.

"Do you think the widow of the man who was lynched will win her damage suit against the mob?" "I reckon not," replied Mr. Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "When a lady loses the kind of a husband that a mob would nacherly lynch, she hasn't lost anything. And when a gang of prominent citizens take time from their own business to lynch a cuss just because he needs it, it ain't reasonable to expect 'em to pay for the privilege of doing the community a favor. That's the general sentiment of the voters in this neck of the woods, and I reckon the jury, being mostly candidates for something now or in the future, will promptly decide to make it unanimous."—Kansas City Star.

### Both Worn Out.

Walter Whiteman, an employee of the Adams Express company in Columbus, Ind., was unloading a calf consigned from Columbus to Indianapolis, when the calf showed a disposition to ramble. It rambled all around, in and out of town, and Whiteman had to forsake his other duties and follow after. The chase continued from four o'clock in the afternoon until about ten o'clock at night, when it was a draw between the calf and Whiteman. At that hour Whiteman walked up to the calf and the animal accompanied him back to the Pennsylvania line's station without further protest.

### Thief Feared Siege of Paris.

A woman shoplifter who was caught in the act of appropriating a curtain from a Paris emporium was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment. An enormous quantity of stolen objects, consisting chiefly of provisions and articles of clothing, was found at her apartment. Her excuse before the judge was that the articles had been laid in by her as a precaution against a siege of Paris, an argument which failed to move the court.

### Biggest in the World.

California is to have the biggest bridge in the world to connect Oakland with San Francisco and relieve five ferry systems. It will cost \$22,000,000, be five and one-half miles long, one of the heaviest bridges ever built, carrying three roadways and four railroad tracks, and two of its 16 spans will be high and wide enough for any ship to pass.

## Local and Personal.

Jackey Haney, of Demund, was visiting in town last week.

W. H. Manker has been very sick but is reported better.

Conner Lykins, of Cannel City, was here Monday on business.

J. B. Whitt, of Cannel City, transacted business in town Monday.

Postmaster C. A. Franklin visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin, at Orient, Friday till Sunday.

Leonard Murphy, of Ezel, visited and transacted business in town Tuesday.

Hon McClure has accepted a position as clerk in his uncle R. M. Oakley's store.

Sam Arnett, of Jackson, was visiting relatives in town and county the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kendall have gone to housekeeping in the old Kendall residence on Main street.

Mrs. R. M. Oakley can furnish you with a Gossard corset at \$2.00 up to \$25.00. See her before buying.

Senator Chas. D. Arnett attended the Democratic banquet and Bryan speaking at Louisville last week.

Jas. Williams, of Insko, was in the city on business this week and paid the Courier Crew a pleasant call while here.

Crant Dennis, of Lexington, visited his brother-in-law, Smith Elam, of War Creek, and transacted business in the county last week.

Fred Williams, who has been in Missouri and Kansas for several months, came to town for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Elijah Cochran.

Dennie Lykins has bought a d moved to the property on Main street, recently occupied by Lee Gross. Lee moved to the Laura Turner property on Water street.

Democratic County Chairman H. M. Cox, lent the inspiration of his presence to Col. W. J. Bryan during his speech at the banquet given in his honor by the Democrats of Kentucky at the Seelbach hotel, Louisville, Thursday night of last week.

We received a very newsy letter from Mr. Martin Pelfrey, of Jephtha, for publication last week but it was crowded out during the Christmas rush, we regret to say. If Mr. Pelfrey will write again, now that things have resumed the normal, we will be glad to publish it.

R. M. Oakley and daughter, Miss Martha, visited their son, and brother Willie Joe, who is attending the Louisville Dental College at Louisville Christmas week. R. M. attended the big Democratic banquet at the Seelbach hotel and heard W. J. Bryan's speech while in Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Craig and children, Bulah and Ernest, of Rembrandt, Ia., are visiting Mrs. Craig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fugett, of near town. They left this county twenty years ago but have been frequent visitors back to their native county where they always find a hearty welcome.

Edward A. Hageman, grain buyer for the Allies, predicts "three dollar wheat if the European war continues for a year or so more." It is safe to bet the price of a bushel that when that time comes you will find the Democratic newspapers claiming the credit for it for the policies of the Wilson administration.—A Republican Exchange.

### Stockholders Meeting.

"A meeting of the stockholders of the Morgan County National Bank of Cannel City, Ky., will be held in their banking house Tuesday Jan. 9, 1917, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year."

CUSTER JONES, Cashier.